

Any effort to restrict the bandwidth of a transmission to a specified value in the amateur service, and especially below 30 MHZ, would greatly hamper innovation and experimentation. Considering the many new innovative technologies in HF digital communication for the amateur service, any kind of restriction would handcuff experimenters. With new modes of communication like PSK 31, digital voice over HF, and other weak signal modes, we need the freedom to experiment and discover exciting technologies. We need flexible guidelines which allow for innovation. The amateur service is based on the furtherance of the art and technology of radio, not as a simplistic communication service requiring extensive regulation. The overwhelming majority of amateur radio operators are dedicated to the spirit and rules of our service, and do not require anything more than has already been outlined in Part 97. Good operating practices and good engineering practice dictate that we use appropriate bandwidths and modulation techniques.

Thank you,

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